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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 16-29 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 16-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 07 October 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20051007.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,403,611 to Tomita et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,679,314 to Frank. Tomita et al discloses the claimed invention of an ice cream freezing apparatus comprising two flow-through freezers 4 and 13. However, Tomita et al does not disclose the mixing-in arrangement for solid ingredients. Frank teaches a freezer which includes a mixing-in arrangement 12 for solid ingredients. Thus, it would be obvious to provide Tomita et al with a mixing-in arrangement for solid ingredients, in view of Frank, with the predictable result that more variety is produced for the ice cream. The location of the mixing-in arrangement is considered to be a matter of obvious choice to one of ordinary skill in the art. No criticality or unexpected results are seen or have been disclosed for the claimed arrangement of the ingredients being added between the first and second freezers. Furthermore, one of ordinary skill in the ice cream art would have expected the invention of Tomita et al to work equally as well as with the ingredients being added before the first freezer as with the ingredients being added between the first and second freezers.

3. Claims 20-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tomita et al in view of Frank as applied to claim 19 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,472,059 to Klein et al. Tomita et al as modified above by Frank discloses

the claimed invention except for the details of the scraper arrangement. Klein et al teaches a screw conveyor for a scraping mechanism in which the conveyor screw includes a plurality of screw flights. See especially Figs. 1, 2, and 4. Thus, it would be obvious to provide Tomita et al with a scraping mechanism comprising a conveyor screw which includes a plurality of screw flights, in view of Klein et al, with the predictable result that more thorough scraping is obtained.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William E. Tapolcai whose telephone number is (571) 272-4814. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs., 6:30 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl J. Tyler can be reached on (571) 272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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